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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Bruce H Hess

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## Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12-16-04 (IOS).
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 35-41 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 7-13 and 25-30 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s)          are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on          is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No.         .
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO-609)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12-16-04
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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1. Claims 5, 7-13 and 25-30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

2. Claims 1-4, 14 and 22 are again rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by the patent to Sakurai et al. for the reasons of record.

Claims 1-4, 6, 14, 22 and 24 are again rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being unpatentable over the patent to Nakano for the reasons of record.

Claims 15-21, 23, 24 and 31-34 are again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over either of the patents to Sakurai et al or Nakano for the reasons of record.

Applicant's arguments with respect to how their claimed article is used is not dispositive of the issue of patentability of the present article claims. It is noted that the recording elements of these patents are capable of providing images which are "writable, retrievable and changeable".

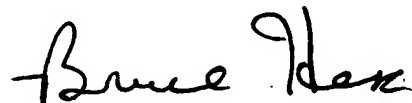
Claims 42-45 are rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by the patent to Tajiri et al (U.S.P. 6,680,281). See the Abstract and column 9, lines 21, 22, 24 and 25.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bruce Hess whose telephone number is (571) 272-1525. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 9 Am to 5 PM.

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B. Hess/af  
March 3, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Hess". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.